

Privacy Protection

CBP is committed to protecting personal data and ensuring that such data is handled in a manner consistent with federal law. CBP stores all collected data in computer systems on a secure network.



Customer Service Contacts

- For more information about CBP and AMO, please visit: www.cbp.gov/border-security/air-sea
- You may contact CBP to ask a question or leave feedback at: <https://help.cbp.gov/>
- Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests can be submitted online at: www.cbp.gov/foia

CBP ETHOS

We are the guardians of our Nation's borders.

We are America's frontline.

We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our Nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity, and professionalism.



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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) secures America's borders, and with partner agencies secures America's national airspace. CBP's Air and Marine Operations (AMO) has a critical role in this national security mission, which at times requires AMO personnel to interact with members of the General Aviation (GA) community. AMO is committed to working with the GA community to exercise this responsibility while safeguarding the civil liberties of the flying public. While the great majority of pilots are law abiding, some are not. There are criminals who seek to exploit the freedom and convenience of operating GA aircraft to conduct illegal activities, such as transportation of narcotics, aliens, or other illicit cargo, often in furtherance of international smuggling schemes.

CBP's Role in Airspace Security

The National Strategy for Aviation Security was developed at the direction of the president to protect the nation and its interests from threats in the air domain. The Supporting Plan to this strategy, the Air Domain Surveillance and Intelligence

Integration Plan, prescribes CBP's role in "detecting and identifying potential air threats to the United States." Per CBP's responsibilities under this plan, AMO agents exercise legal authorities under federal law, including 14 C.F.R. § 61.3(l) and 49 U.S.C. § 44103(d) with respect to inspection of GA airman and medical certificates, photo identification, and aircraft certificates of registration.

Law Enforcement Authorities

If a GA pilot has crossed an international border, and the legal prerequisites for border search authority are present, AMO agents may search the aircraft pursuant to long-established federal law, consistent with the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In circumstances where border search authority or a search warrant are not present, agents may conduct a search or seizure if and only to the extent otherwise consistent with the Fourth Amendment – for example, pursuant to probable cause or consent, or in the course of a protective sweep.



What to Expect During a Certificate Inspection

When conducting a certificate inspection, AMO agents should identify themselves as such. They will request to see your airman and medical certificate, photo identification, and aircraft certificate of



photo identification, and aircraft certificate of registration. (FAR 61.3, 49 U.S.C. § 44103). The agent is authorized to examine and verify these documents and will return them to you upon completion of the inspection. During interactions



with CBP personnel you should expect to be treated in a courteous, dignified, and professional manner. Given the sensitivities of law enforcement information and investigations among other considerations, agents may not be able to answer all of your questions. AMO and the GA community can work to stop criminals seeking to take advantage of the convenience of operating GA aircraft. We encourage all members of the GA community to call 1-866-AIRBUST (1-866-247-2787) if they notice aviation activity that is abnormal.